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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: BUILDING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR

DEMOCRACY IN ZIMBABWE

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Classified By: DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Pol/Econ Chief March 18 delivered reftel demarche concerning building international support for democracy in Zimbabwe to MFA International Organization Affairs First Secretary Salah Al Malki. Al Malki agreed that the UN Human

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Rights Council (HRC), of which Bahrain is a member, could play a role in raising the public profile of the deteriorating situation in Zimbabwe. He said that Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nizar Al Baharna was currently in Geneva to participate in an HRC session. He promised to pass U.S. views of the Zimbabwe situation to Al Baharna so he is prepared in the event of HRC action.

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